

HOUSE RESOLUTION 94  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of New Tazewell Police Officer, Lieutenant George Seale Brooks, and to commemorate his meritorious service and heroism.

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so valiantly serve; and

WHEREAS, our country has been blessed by courageous law enforcement officers willing to sacrifice their personal well-being and concerns to ensure the safety of our citizenry, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is highly fitting and appropriate that the elected Representatives of the State of Tennessee should honor those exemplary citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lieutenant George Seale Brooks, who was tragically killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brooks was a valiant Tennessean and a proud member of the Claiborne County community who bravely and professionally served the citizens of New Tazewell and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a member of the New Tazewell Police Department for nearly thirty years, Lieutenant Brooks faced danger on a daily basis and bravely put himself at risk in situations with life-or-death consequences, so that the citizens of New Tazewell could sleep at night in the comfort of knowing that they were safe in their homes; and

WHEREAS, many grateful citizens and representatives of police and emergency response departments from East Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia, gathered to comfort Lieutenant Brooks' family, friends, and colleagues in mourning his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, countless people were touched and saddened by the tragic circumstances that ended the all-too-short life of this dedicated police officer and loving father who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, born in Hancock County to Andy and Dollie Brooks, George Seale Brooks moved with his family to Claiborne County when he was a very small child, and he remained an active and beloved member of that community throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he attended Cedar Fork Elementary School and Claiborne County High School, and he graduated from Walter State University with an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brooks served his country with honor and distinction as a Military Police Officer with the United States Army; during his three years of duty, he was stationed in New York State and Korea; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1973, he joined the New Tazewell Police Department, where he worked with his brother, Charles Brooks; and

WHEREAS, one of the most dedicated members of the police force, Lieutenant Brooks enjoyed his work; he is remembered as a quiet man whom people could trust, and a man who inspired confidence in others; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant George Brooks recognized the dangerous and life-threatening aspects of his job, but he faithfully fulfilled his duty to "protect and serve" with compassion and dedication; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Little Valley Baptist Church, and was recently attending Lone Holly Baptist Church, where he was very active; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brooks was also deeply devoted to his family, and he endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was most appreciative of the love and support he received from his brothers and sister, and his children: Christopher Paul Brooks, and Mark Anthony and his wife, Stephanie Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brooks was further blessed by two wonderful grandchildren, Andrew and Paige; and

WHEREAS, he is remembered not only as a great man, but as a beloved father, papaw, and brother to his fellow officers, and he will be sorely missed by the largest family in the world-- law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brooks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant George Seale Brooks served with great bravery and ability, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to specially recognize the life of this fine man, while pausing to remember his many accomplishments as an exceptional public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the memory of Lieutenant George Seale Brooks of the New Tazewell Police Department, and salute his inspiring and selfless heroism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lieutenant Brooks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.